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1. At its 5th meeting, on 27 October 2004, the General Committee considered a request submitted by Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela (A/59/235) for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional item entitled:

"Andean Zone of Peace".

In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item:

(a) Be included in the agenda under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security);

(b) Be considered directly in plenary meeting.

2. At the same meeting, the General Committee considered a request submitted by Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka (A/59/234) for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional item entitled:

"Observer status for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation in the General Assembly".

In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item:

(a) Be included in the agenda under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters);

(b) Be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

3. At the same meeting, the General Committee considered a request submitted by the Secretary-General (A/59/237) for the inclusion in the agenda, under item 15 entitled "Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs", of an additional sub-item entitled:

"Election of a member of the International Court of Justice".

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In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item:

(a) Be included in the agenda under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters);

(b) Be considered directly in plenary meeting.

4. At the same meeting, the General Committee considered a request submitted by Azerbaijan and Turkey (A/59/236 and Add.1) for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional item entitled:

"The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan".

In this connection, the General Committee, by a vote of 9 to none, with 14 abstentions, decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item:

(a) Be included in the agenda under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security);

(b) Be considered directly in plenary meeting.

5. At the same meeting, the General Committee, on the proposal of the Syrian Arab Republic, decided to recommend to the General Assembly that agenda item 36 (The situation in the Middle East) and agenda item 37 (Question of Palestine) be considered separately.